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Update on Hampstead Main Street Revitalization Project

The Maryland Department of Transportation's State Highway Administration (SHA) met with Town representatives and the President of the Hampstead Merchants Association on Tuesday, August 23rd to discuss new Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) options during the Main Street Revitalization Project. The project is slated to begin in spring 2017 with an estimated completion in 2020.

SHA outlined the plan that includes a flagging operation through most of the project. Additionally, SHA's contractor will accommodate peak hour traffic using a reversible one-way lane (southbound in the morning and northbound in the evening) during certain phases of the project. SHA is working to limit the duration of each phase and maintain access to businesses. SHA's current plan will allow work Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturdays if needed. During construction, SHA will meet with business owners and hold monthly progress meetings.

SHA representatives will present details of the plan at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall prior to the September 13th Town Council meeting. The State will also hold a public outreach meeting at the Fire Hall on September 29th. The meeting on the 29th will be an open house informational meeting from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with a short presentation at 7:30 p.m. There will be a display area available to view at your own pace with SHA staff available to answer questions. Additional notice for the meeting will be sent out to the community via regular mail, newspapers, and electronic means [SHA and Town websites, Facebook page and email blast (for registered addresses)].